## WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SITE VISIT DOCUMENTATION FORM

Landowner Name		
Date		
County		
Farm No		
Tract No		
Address		
City	State	
Zip Code F	Phone ()	
Individuals Present:		
NRCS		
FSA	•	
WVDOF		
WVDNR		
USFWS		
WVCA		
Other		
Are all partnering agencies present?		
YES	NO	
If NO, list the agency contact person, date and how they were notified next to their affiliation in the space provided above.		
Weather conditions on day of site visit:		

SI	SITE SKETCH		
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	1. Is the site located immediately adjacent to a defined channel?		
	NO		
	(If YES continue. If NO, refer to Paragraph 99, pg. 5-10 of the CRP handbook.)		
	2. Does the channel flow more than just		
	periodically after rainfall events or during snowmelt?		
	YESNO		
	(If YES continue. If NO, refer to CP22 criteria for riparian area development. Exhibit 9, pg. 152.2 in the CRP handbook)		
	3. Do the adjacent lands qualify as marginal pasture? Marginal pasture is defined as pasture		
	immediately adjacent to a permanent water body		
	greater than 10 acres that provides at least a seasonal flow of surface water off the farm; or		
	pasture adjacent to streams having perennial flow, or a seasonal stream.		
	WEG NO		
	YESNO (If no stop and use alternate criteria for cropland. If		
	YES, proceed to question 4)		

4. Are livestock presently on the site or have access to the stream corridor?	(If YES was answered to <u>any</u> of the questions 8 a, b, or c proceed to question 9. If NO, was answered to all questions STOP. Determine if other feature are	
YESNO	<u>all</u> questions <b>STOP</b> . Determine if other factors are causing the site not to function? If so, document in the notes section and proceed to question 9.)	
5. Is the land immediately adjacent to the stream managed as pasture? YESNO	9. Of the entire site proposed, how much of the riparian area is <u>not</u> functioning as previously described?	
(If no stop. If YES, proceed to question 6)	Less than 30% Greater than or equal to 30%	
<ul> <li>6. Describe the area immediately adjacent to the stream: (choose only one)</li> <li>a. Dominated by grass and herbaceous plants</li> </ul>	(If greater than or equal to 30%, continue to question 10. If less than 30% STOP and evaluate the need for developing a riparian area at the proposed site.)	
b. Dominated by grasses and forbs with some woody vegetation	10. Should the average width of the proposed buffer exceed 180 feet?	
c. Dominated by woody vegetation	YESNO	
d. Consists of bare ground or mineral soil	(If YES, use the notes section of this document for justification of water quality concerns)	
(If "d" was answered proceed to question 8)	11. Is the "top of streambank" distinguishable?	
7. Does the area immediately adjacent to the stream have a minimum width of 35 feet along the entire length of the proposed site?	YESNO  (If NO, document in the notes section how top of bank is determined.)	
YESNO	12. Would tree planting be required due to	
8. Is the existing riparian area functioning?  a. Is soil compaction preventing runoff	sloughing stream banks, lack of an adequate seed source, thick dense sod (e.g. fescue), wildlife concerns or by the request of the landowner?	
infiltration or impacting soil quality due to livestock trampling, grazing, loafing or watering?	YESNO	
YESNO	(If YES, use the notes section of this document for identification of selected species and rationale.)	
b. Is there less than 70 % desirable vegetation established within the riparian zone?	13. Is there a strong potential that natural succession will reestablish the necessary vegetation and restore the functions of the riparian area?	
YESNO	YESNO	
c. Is there a high potential for substantial nutrient loading in the watercourse from livestock operations?	(NOTE: Answering YES to this question does not preclude tree and shrub planting on the site.)	
YESNO		

14. Does a strong potential exist for invasive and noxious weeds to dominate the site and prevent a suitable or intended climax community?		NOTES (Use reverse side if necessary)	
YES	NO		
(If YES, proceed to 15. If N 16.)	NO, proceed to question		
15. Will actions be necessary control any noxious or inv		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
YES	NO	·	
(Any actions required should be documented in the notes portion of this document.)			
16. Is the stream currently water source?	y being utilized as a		
YES	NO		
17. Will alternate water so and/or livestock crossings and developed?			
YES	NO		
(If YES, document the type, pertinent details in the notes	<u> </u>		
18. Is this site located on a stream, 303(d) listed strea TMDL established?	a high quality trout		
YES	NO		
19. Are there other ripari concerns on this farm, alocould be addressed?			
YES	NO		
(If YES, document the conc does not address them.)	erns and why the plan		
20. Were photographs tak	ken during the site visit?		
YES	NO		
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